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# USS *Craster Hall* (ID-1486)

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**USS *Craster Hall* (ID-1486)** was a cargo ship that served in the United States Navy from 1918 to 1919.

SS *Craster Hall* was built as a commercial cargo ship at Port Glasgow, Scotland, by William Hamilton and Company for C. G. Dunn and Company, Ltd., of Liverpool, England. Launched on 4 February 1909, she was delivered to C. G. Dunn in May 1909. In 1914, C. G. Dunn sold her to the United States Steel Products Company of New York City. After the United States entered World War I in 1917, the United States Shipping Board took control of *Craster Hall*. On 25 April 1918,<sup>[2]</sup> the Shipping Board transferred *Craster Hall* for World War I service to the U.S. Navy, which assigned her the naval registry Identification Number (Id. No.) 1486, and commissioned her on 9 May 1918 as USS *Craster Hall* with Lieutenant Commander H. L. Mortensen, USNRF, in command.

Assigned to the Naval Overseas Transportation Service, *Craster Hall* made three transatlantic voyages to France between 25 May 1918 and 7 January 1919, carrying a total of 28,112 tons of cargo. She transported steel billets, mail, flatcars, United States Army trucks, engines, and airplanes to Bordeaux and Le Verdon-sur-Mer; U.S. Army supplies to Quiberon, St. Nazaire, and Nantes; and 353 horses to Pauillac.

*Craster Hall* was decommissioned on 5 February 1919 and transferred to the United States Shipping Board the same day for return to the United States Steel Products Company.

The ship reentered commercial service as SS *Craster Hall*. She was beached and wrecked on 19 June 1927 after colliding with the Imperial Oil tanker SS *Reginolite* off Talara Point, Peru.

## Notes

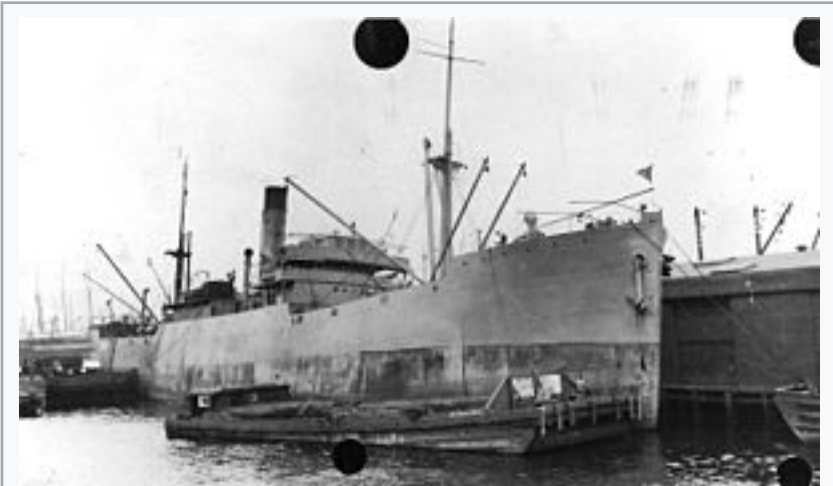
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SS *Craster Hall* prior to her U.S. Navy service, with the barge *Whitehall* in the foreground.

History	
<span><span></span></span> United States	
Name:	USS <i>Craster Hall</i>
Namesake:	Previous name retained
Builder:	<span>William Hamilton and Company, Port Glasgow, Scotland</span>
Launched:	4 February 1909
Completed:	May 1909
Acquired:	25 April 1918 <sup>[1]</sup>
Commissioned:	9 May 1918
Decommissioned:	5 February 1919
Fate:	Transferred to <span>United States Shipping Board</span> 5 February 1919 for return to owner
Notes:	Served as commercial cargo ship <div> <div>SS <i>Craster Hall</i> 1909-1918 and 1919-1927</div> <div>Wrecked 19 June 1927</div> </div>
General characteristics	
Type:	<span>Cargo ship</span>
Tonnage:	4,319 <span>Gross register tons</span>
Displacement:	9,700 <span>tons</span>
Length:	392 <span> </span> ft 6 <span> </span> in (119.63 <span> </span> m)
Beam:	50 <span> </span> ft (15 <span> </span> m)
Draft:	24 <span> </span> ft (7.3 <span> </span> m)
Installed power:	2,000 <span>indicated horsepower</span>
Propulsion:	One <span>triple expansion engine</span> , one shaft
Speed:	11 <span>knots</span>
Complement:	62
Armament:	1 × 5-inch (127-millimeter) gun

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